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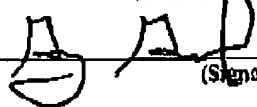
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement/Election of Species dated as mailed
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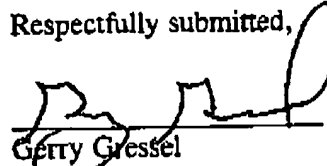
Applicant elects Species II, including Claims 11-22, with Traverse.

It is respectfully urged that consideration of all species disclosed in the application will
conserve USPTO resources and result in a more effective and comprehensive search by the
USPTO. Accordingly, it is requested that this requirement be withdrawn.

Conclusion:

The Examiner is requested to reconsider all the pending claims in light of the Remarks above, and to allow the claims in the next office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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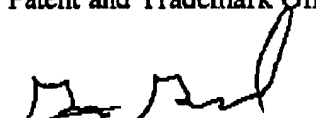
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